GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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Buffer Stock of Rice and Wheat
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of buffer stock of rice and wheat maintained by the Government for public distribution;
(b) whether the Government is considering to increase its quantum of buffer stock and if not, the reasons therefor;
(c) the amount spent by the Government for maintenance of its stock during the last three years; and
(d) the quantum of rice and wheat declared rotten from buffer stock during the last three years ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)
(a) & (b): Government of India has recently revised buffer norms of foodgrains (now defined as Foodgrains stocking norms for the Central Pool) w.e.f. 22.1.2015 keeping in view the requirement of foodgrains under National Food Security Act (NFSA). The foodgrain stocking norms for the Central Pool are revised as under:
(in million tons)
As on
Operational stocks
Strategic Reserve*
Total
Rice
Wheat
Rice
Wheat
1st April
11.58
4.46
2.00
3.00
21.04
1st July
11.54
24.58
2.00
3.00
41.12
1st Oct
8.25
17.52
2.00
3.00
30.77
1st Jan
5.61
10.80
2.00
3.00
21.41
* For the period November, 2016 to June, 2017, Strategic Reserve of rice and wheat was revised temporarily as 3.0 million tons and 2.0 million tons respectively.
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(c): amount spent by the Government for maintenance of its stock during the last three years are as under-
(in Rs Crores)
Commodity
2013-14
2014-15
2015-16
Foodgrains
2164.58

2376.60
2021.24
(d): The total quantum of foodgrains accrued as Non-Issuable (damaged) during the last three years is given below:
(in lakh tons)
Year
Non-Issuable
(damaged)
2013-14
0.25
2014-15
0.19
2015-16
0.03
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